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DATE: September 6, 1984
TO: File
FROM: Dan Cozza
SUBJECT: Curtin Matheson Scientific, Inc.
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I visited Curtin Matheson Scientific, Inc. on August 29, 1984 and met with the Operations Manager, Tony Weinhammer. The facility is a warehouse and distributor for scientific instruments and laboratory supplies located in a commercial to light industrial area.

According to Mr. Weinhammer, a 15 year employee at the facility, no dumping or landfilling of wastes has ever taken place at this site. He stated that the present building is approximately 19 years old and Curtin Matheson is the first owner of the property.

On-site they do store solvents, acids, bases and other chemicals, but all are for resale only and are of research grade. Most are in pint to half-gallon containers, with the minority being in five-gallon containers. Rarely do they have 55-gallon drums of product, only when a buyer requests it. Incompatibles are separated into different areas of the warehouse with the solvents having their own room with sprinklers, drain, concrete lip at the door entrance and a blow-out wall. There are emergency cleanup stations located around the warehouse to handle any spills that may occur.

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In total, Curtin Matheson occupies a building of approximately 60,000 square feet and has 20 employees in the warehouse and numerous sale staff in the attached office. Most of the remaining Curtin Matheson property is parking lot and loading dock. A railroad track runs immediately to the north of the building and there is a vacant patch of land that is completely weeded over in the northeast portion of the property.

I recommend that this site be dropped from the CERCLA/HRS site list since waste products are not generated, stored, or disposed of at this facility. Again, this site does not need to be scored under the HRS scoring system.

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